

to agriculturists generally in this country, especially as the variations in climate and in the seasons are so considerable, that the experience of one Province is often quite distinct from that of another.

PART III.—IMMIGRATION.

446. The figures in this section relate to the calendar year.

447. According to the returns published by the Department of Agriculture, there was an increase in the number of immigrant arrivals during 1886, but a decrease in the number of those settling in this country. The total number of immigrant arrivals reported was 122,581, as compared with 105,096 in 1885, being an increase of 17,485. Of this number 53,429 were passengers for the United States, and the remaining 69,152 stated their intention of settling in Canada, being a decrease of 10,017 as compared with 1885. The following are the numbers of those who stated their intention of settling in Canada, during the last eight years. Those reported by the Custom Houses are included :—

1879.....	40,492
1880.....	38,505
1881.....	47,991
1882.....	112,458
1883.....	133,624
1884.....	103,824
1885.....	79,169
1886.....	69,152

448. Cheapened or so-called assisted passages were granted during the year to agricultural labourers, to families of agricultural labourers and to female domestic servants only. In this kind of passage, the Government pays no part of the passage money, the whole of which is paid by the immigrant himself, but by an arrangement with the steamship companies, the immigrant can obtain tickets at a reduced rate, on making a specified declaration, supported by a

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